

# Environmental Times

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### Holiday Schedule

#### New Year's Day Service Delayed

EDCO will observe the New Year holiday on Monday, January 1, 2018. Residential collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday the remainder of the week.

#### Presidents' Day No Delay of Service

Waste and recycling collection services will be unaffected by the holiday on Monday, February 19, 2018. Collection will occur on the regularly scheduled service day.

### Can We Help?

Do you have questions regarding your service? Call and speak to one of our friendly customer service representatives.



## Global Recycling Crisis Puts Greater Focus on Recycling Contamination

Over the past year, there have been global concerns over recyclable material quality and these expectations are not going away. In January 2018, China will no longer accept 26 types of recyclable materials into their country. Nearly 60% of recyclable materials generated in California are currently exported to China and other Asian markets. As a result, processing mills throughout the country and the world are demanding recycling facilities ship only recyclables with less than one percent contamination which is a significant change in material requirement standards. A minimal amount of contamination such as garbage, green waste or other debris can ruin a complete load of recyclable material. Quality of recyclable material can impact your costs should contamination require recycling being dumped as trash.



Please help us prevent and reduce contamination of recyclable material by visiting our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), and go to the Residential Services tab and click on Recycling to see what materials are accepted in our residential recycling program.

## Recycling Your Christmas Tree Helps Make Mulch Richer

After the holidays, you can recycle your Christmas tree as well as wreaths, garlands and cut flowers. Recycled Christmas trees avoid the landfill and become wood chips or mulch. When made to use mulch, Christmas trees add nitrogen to the mix and are a vital ingredient to achieving hearty compost that gardeners love to add to their gardens and trees.

Simply place botanical decorations inside your green waste cart on your collection day. Please follow these guidelines when setting out your Christmas tree for curbside collection on your regular collection day **December 26, 2017-January 6, 2018**:

- Remove the lights, ornaments, tinsel and tree stand
- Cut tree in 4-foot lengths and trim off branches
- **Place tree inside green waste cart** for collection on your service day

Drop-off sites will also be available from **December 26, 2017-January 22, 2018** at the following locations: **Public Works**, located at 495 Tenth St., **Boys & Girls Club**, located at 847 Encina Ave. and **Sports Recreation Center**, located at 425 Imperial Beach Blvd. Drop-off locations are for CHRISTMAS TREES ONLY. Christmas trees do not need to be cut down for recycling at drop-off locations.

6670 Federal Blvd.

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Customer Service:

(619) 287-7555

\*Pay-by-Phone:

(855) 713-4255

Text:

(619) 202-8365

Website:

[edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com)

\*24 hours a day, seven days a week! Have the last 6 digits of your account number and your form of payment ready.

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## How to Get Rid of Bulky Items

Did you know that EDCO offers a **FREE** Bulky Item Pick-Up service? Dumping items in alleys or on the side of the road is illegal, let alone littering and taking away from the beauty of our community. If an item is too large or too heavy to fit inside your trash cart, just call EDCO to schedule a FREE curbside bulky-item pickup. Imperial Beach residents can schedule a bulky item pick-up service for large items such as water heaters, appliances, furniture, televisions, etc. (*please no Household Hazardous Waste*). Construction materials will NOT be collected.

Residents can schedule this free service *two times per year, for up to three items per scheduled collection*. Please **remember**, you need to call EDCO first to schedule a bulky item collection at (619) 287-7555.



Imperial Beach residents have an additional opportunity to get rid of bulky items that can no longer be reused or recycled through EDCO's Annual Bulky Item Cleanup Day! Once a year, EDCO holds a FREE Bulky Item Cleanup day where residents have an opportunity to take unwanted items to a designated event location that are too large or heavy to put inside curbside collection carts. This event is held in the Spring, and detailed information will be sent out ahead of time as well as posted on our website, [edcodisposal.com](http://edcodisposal.com), as the event nears.

### *New Year Greeting*

*Wishing you, our valued customer, the very best during this special time of year. We look forward to serving your waste and recycling needs for many years to come. May the warmth of the season remain with you throughout the year. Thank you for allowing us to serve you! From all of us at EDCO.*



## 2018 HOLIDAY RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

### 2018 HOLIDAY

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day, Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

### SERVICE DELAY

1-Day Delay all week

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1-Day Delay the remainder of the week *following the Wednesday holiday*

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1-Day Delay-*Thursday & Friday Customers Only*

1-Day Delay the remainder of the week *following the Tuesday holiday*

